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RESPONSE AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This paper is in response to the official action dated August 14, 2001, for the above-identified application. Reconsideration is hereby respectfully solicited in view of the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 1-40 remain pending in the application. Claims 1-40 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as obvious over Kondo, JP 4-10948 (Kondo) in view of Kneezel, U.S. Patent No. 5,598,191 (Kneezel). This rejection is believed to be overcome based on the following remarks. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is hereby respectfully solicited.

Both Kneezel and Kondo have been misinterpreted in the official action. Turning first to Kneezel, this reference teaches a variation in a conventional "serial